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SUBJ: SENEGALESE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE: DENIAU VISIT

BEGIN SUMMARY: FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION,
JEAN-FRANCOIS DENIAU DEPARTED DAKAR JANUARY 21 AFTER A SIX DAY
VISIT TO SENEGAL. ACCORDING TO DENIAU, PURPOSE OF VISIT
WAS TO PREPARE REVISION OF 1960 FRANCO-SENEGALESE
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DENIAU TOLD PRESS THAT SENEGAL AND FRANCE WERE ENGAGING
IN SERIES OF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD CULMINATE
IN DEFINITIVE CONVERSATIONS ON CONCLUSION OF NEW SET OF
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ACCORDS IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

2. BESIDES ENGAGING IN ROUND OF OFFICIAL VISITS AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH HIGH SENEGALESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, DENIAU ATTENDED ANNUAL MEETING OF FRANCO-SENEGALESE COMMITTEE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, DISCUSSED COOPERATION AT DAKAR UNIVERSITY AND SENEGALESE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTING UNIVERSITY CAMPUS *T ST LOUIS. A DECISION ON SAINT LOUIS PROJECT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED, WILL BE TAKEN AT HIGHER LEVEL.

3. DENIAU ALSO SIGNED CONVENTION FOR RESEARCH IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MATTERS. CONVENTION ENVISAGES THAT HENCEFORTH SENEGALESE THEMSELVES WILL ASSUME DIRECTION OF AGRICULTURAL, MEDICAL AND OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS IN SENEGAL. SIGNATURE OF CONVENTION WHICH TO BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FURTHER AGREEMENTS TO BE NEGOTIATED WAS ALSO BILLED AS FIRST STEP IN OVERALL REVISION FRANCO-SENEGALESE ACCORDS.

4. THIS IS ONLY LATEST IN SERIES OF ALLUSIONS TO FORTHCOMING REVISION OF ACCORDS. REFERENCE*TO SCHEDULED NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW ACCORDS CONTINUES TO BE MADE IN CONTEXT OF OTHER NEWS, ALMOST IN PASSING. SENEGALESE, AND FRENCH IN THIS INSTANCE, ARE CAREFUL TO EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS A NATURAL EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS SUCH AS TAKES PLACE WITH REGARD TO ALL RELATIONSHIPS WITH PASSAGE OF TIME. SENEGALESE OFFICIALS DURING DENIAU VISIT CONTINUED STRESS THAT REVISIONS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT FANFARE AND THAT OLD ACCORDS NEED ONLY LIGHT RETOUCHING.

5. COMMENT: FROM PUBLIC REFERENCES NEVER CLEAR WHICH OF LARGE NUMBER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO MARCH NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HOWEVER DEFENSE ACCORDS DEFINITELY BEING REVISED. INDEED, IN VIEW OF COMPLEXITY ACCORDS, NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE STRUNG OUT OVER MUCH LONGER PERIOD. CLEAR, HOWEVER, REFURBISHING OF BASIC FRAMEWORK OF FRANCO-SENEGALESE RELATIONS IN PROSPECT. IMPRESSION ALSO EMERGING THAT EITH GOS ASKING MORE FROM FRANCE IN WAY OF FUTURE AID THAN FRANCE WILLING TO GIVE OR FRANCE COYLY PUTTING OFF SENEGALESE, PERHAPS AS BARGAINING LEVER FOR FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

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